

"Tilden, you remember, is the man who was named by Clarence Funk, then general manager of the International Harvester Co., as the man Edward Hines said was the collector of the \$100,000 fund by which the election of Lorimer was put over at Springfield. Funk testified that Hines told him they would like to have \$10,000 from the Harvester trust and the money should be sent on to Ed Tilden.

"The biggest bankers in the United States were interested in the election of Lorimer to the United States senate. If there was any one point that everybody saw clear, in the testimony before the senate committee which investigated the Lorimer election, it was the one point that Senator Aldrich and President Taft wanted Lorimer elected, and Edward Hines was the direct personal messenger of those two high men to Illinois. Edward Hines was on a telephone in Chicago and talked half the night to Springfield the night before the day Lorimer was elected. Hines' lumber companies have made big sales to the Chicago stockyards crowd and Hines was the connection between the eastern bankers and the western packers.

"Just notice the way Ed Tilden, the high man of the packers in politics, plays the game. He is:

"1. President of Libby, McNeill & Libby, packers.

"2. Brother of William Tilden, president of the Fort Dearborn National Bank.

"3. Vice president and directors Drovers' Deposit National Bank.

"4. Director Sioux City Stockyards, St. Louis Stockyards, Drovers' Trust and Savings Bank.

"5. Bondsman of William O'Connell, treasurer of Cook county and bank depositor of several million dollars during his term of office.

"6. Former member Board of Education.

"7. Bondsman of James J. Brady, state auditor, who gave the final word that closed the doors of the Lorimer-Munday bank.

"Poor Ed Tilden! No ditch digger ever sweated worse than he did when the pressure came on him from bank-

ing circles to get action from Brady and close up the bank. All the time pressure came on him from the other side. I never heard it straight, but I understand threats were made that if the Lorimer bank was closed, the time would come when the whole story of Lorimer's election would be told and every high man in on it in Chicago and Illinois would be named.

"The only answer Tilden could ever make to the Lorimer crowd is that we no longer had any big political power. When Billy Lorimer took his seat in the United States Senate the biggest bankers in this country knew they had a man there who never broke a promise and never went back on those who helped him politically.

"And right here let me tell you that Billy Lorimer has suffered the last few weeks as he never suffered in his life. He has naturally a certain kind of good-heartedness. No poor man ever went to him and asked for money or a job and went away empty handed. He has made money in politics, but all the money he made was out of big fellows. He never got money directly from poor people. And now the bank has gone down and some of the best boys that ever got out and hustled votes are going to lose money.

"Munday? Nobody but Lorimer knows whether anything was wrong in Munday's methods. It's a cinch the bank would be on its feet today if Lorimer still had his seat in the United States Senate."

Another Lorimer lieutenant said to a Day Book reporter that the LaSalle Street Trust and Savings Bank failed the day they got Lorimer out of his senate seat.

"I have been told that Ed Tilden stuck to the last and did the best he could to keep off the crash," he said.